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FROM SAC NEW YORK 3 P

ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE. RE DALLAS TEL TWELVE EIGHTEEN
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day that Anastasia was one of the subjects of a new Federal rackete grand jury sworn in last week and that the gangster had been questioned by F. B. I. agents within the last three weeks.

Anastasia's funeral — small, simple and inexpensive — had none of the pomp that so often has marked a gangland funeral. His fellow mobsters stayed away. Aside from police, newspapermen, funeral director's crew and grave diggers, some fifteen family members were the only persons present.

He was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in South Brooklyn in a \$900 coffin in unconsecrated ground and without final absolution of the Roman Catholic Church. His spot in the graveyard looks out through an iron fence at the very neighborhood in which he began his gangster career more than thirty years ago.

The family, which includes a brother, Salvatore, a Roman priest, had not sought ecclesiastical burial for Anastasia. It was assumed the family knew the request would be denied because of his way of life and that he died unrepentant.

Family in Parlor

The funeral was held from Parlor C, up one flight of stairs in Andrew Torregrossa's funeral parlor at 1305 79th St., Brooklyn. Just before 10 a. m., family members gathered around the open coffin in prayer. The widow, Elsa, sobbed convulsively and nearly collapsed. She was helped to a chair by her son, Albert Jr.

Father Anastasia prayed over his brother in Parlor C and two rosaries were placed over

the dead man's hands. The priest did not, however, go to the cemetery. At the grave, a small crucifix was placed on the coffin, which was lowered at 10:40 a. m.

The official funeral cortege consisted only of one care for flowers, the hearse, and four cars for relatives.

It was learned that among those who went to Parlor C Sunday evening was Little Augie Pisano, one of Anastasia's gangster associates. Two early morning visitors yesterday were Capt. William V. Bradley and

Thomas W. Gleason, president and general organizer, respectively, of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Asked if he and Anastasia were friends, Capt. Bradley replied, "No comment."

Is there anything to this?

Thomas W. Gleason
President
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A WIDOW WEEPS—
Albert Anastasia, widow of
the slain gangster, after
the funeral yesterday.



Herald Tribune—United Press
SON AT FUNERAL—Al-
bert Anastasia jr., son of
the slain man, leaving fu-
neral home yesterday.



Herald Tribune—Rosenberg
Held in \$50,000 bail as ma-
terial witness — Anthony
Coppola, Albert Anastasia's
bodyguard, at W. 54th St.
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By Victor Riesel

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Like all well run governments, the Mafia -- which gaily toasts itself in red wine as the "Second Government" -- has its Secretary of Labor. Or maybe several secretaries. Just who they are nobody yet knows.

But the FBI, the Senate racket-busting committee and the New York police noted quite a sprinkling of labor "experts" at the national convention of Mafia warlords in upper New York State last Thursday morning.

There were labor relations men. There were specialists in the garment and trucking fields. There were waterfront men. There were account executives who have deep connections with Teamster locals. There were overseers of the garbage business -- and even someone from the Hotel and Restaurant Union.

There were 65 men in all with intricate connections -- yet even we amateurs know that rarely if ever before have more than a dozen high Mafia chiefs met to make decisions.

By this time the Federals and some very hard working state and local gendarmerie have checked out most of these connections and they believe that the clan met to analyze their market and find out how much trouble they can expect in each business, in each district.

If they had met merely to cut up the territories of Albert Anastasia, the executed executioner, they would have called their top "judges" into a New York or New Jersey restaurant and that would have been it.

The boys gathered in the cool mountain air for poll taking on just how hard they were all being hit by the Senate rackets committee which now is winding its way through the Teamsters into all fields.

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Probe Racket Links of 9 Mafia Meeting Guests

BY HARRY ALTMAN
One of the prominent guests at last week's Mafia conclave are involved in the garment and trucking rackets, U.S. Attorney Williams declared yesterday.

His office is digging into the affairs of all nine, and has asked for the tax returns on all 65 who gathered at a hilltop hideaway in Apalachin, N.Y.

Murderer racket chief Albert Anastasia's interests also were linked to the garment rackets, Williams said. He has subpoenaed all Anastasia's business records, because the name "crops up prominently in reference to certain companies which have come under the scrutiny of this office," Williams disclosed.

UNTIL THE STATE Police said on the racketeers' conven-

tion at the palatial home of Joseph Barbara was actually under way, nobody had any idea what a bigtime operation it was. State Police Supt. Francis S. Garvey disclosed in Albany.

He okayed the manner in which Sgt. Edgar Croswell of the Vestal Barracks broke up the session, saying they "did the best they could under the circumstances." But he noted the sergeant approached it as a routine check of strangers coming into the area. "We had no idea it would develop as it did," he said.

"We never dreamed that a mess like this was out there in the mountains."

The guests—all of whom claimed they merely dropped by to visit their ill friend, Barbara—were released quickly. Among them was reputed racket kingpin Vito Genovese. "It would have been a good idea if we could have held them," McGarvey admitted, "but we had very little law."

"The important thing," he added, "was the exposure in the press."

THERE WERE ONLY four troopers in the original raiding force, he revealed. When Croswell realized what a major affair he had stumbled into, he called for help and 17 more troopers were sent in.

The nine under special scrutiny by Williams are Russell Bufalino, 54, of Kingston, Pa.

Angelo Sclandra, 33, of Lancaster, Pa.; Natale J. Diola, 30, of Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn; the garment-delivery business Carlo Gambino, 35, of 2230 Jackson Parkway, Brooklyn, who works in a labor relations office; John Ormento, of 118 Audrey Dr., Lido Beach, L. I.; Joseph Prefaci, 60, of 8863 15th Ave., Brooklyn; Joseph Riccobono, 53, of 781 Pelton Ave., Staten Island; Joseph Rosato, 53, of 84 81st St., Jackson Heights, Queens; and James Ostico, 44, of Pittston, Pa.

"The fact that the nine men were present at the Upstate conclave confirms my original information as to how important they are, and it will result in a determined concentration of my investigation of their activities," Williams said. "That meeting has given fresh impetus to the racket investigation begun by me."

Some of the nine men have appeared as witnesses before the rackets grand jury, it was learned, though Williams would not comment on this.

WILLIAMS SAID he has between 40,000 and 50,000 cards naming individuals or companies involved—as racketeers or victims—in the garment and trucking situation. He is scanning the cards for leads on the Mafia liege lords. "I intend," he made clear, "to investigate every one of the 65 who live in my district."

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Mafia Met for Trial Of Anastasia Killers

Meeting Was Court Of Mobs

By MURRAY DAVIS
and PAUL WESKIL

World Telegram Staff Writers

The fate of the two gunmen who murdered Albert Anastasia was to be decided at last week's meeting of 65 Mafia mobsters in a hilltop mansion at Apalachin, N. Y., the World-Telegram and Sun learned exclusively today.

Investigators told this newspaper that the hoodlum conference, at first reported to be a board of directors' meeting of the national crime syndicate, actually was a special session of the dread Mafia supreme court, with life and death power over the underworld.

The court had to decide whether the Anastasia killers should be doomed to death or deportation.

Killers Known

The identities of the two hired killers were known to several of the Mafia leaders. Investigators have as yet learned whether any of the mobsters at the Apalachin meeting had ordered Big Al's death.

The Black Hand tribunal was called into session because the Federal Bureau of Investigation had moved into the Anastasia investigation.

More than any other agency, the Mafia fears the FBI and it was afraid that G-men might unearth hints to the masked triggermen who shot the old Murder Inc. boss out of a high-backed chair in the Park Sheraton Hotel on Oct. 25, 1950.

After an hour of deliberation, Mafia leaders decided to get rid of the killers before the FBI located them. Some of the racketeers thought the gunmen should be spirited out of the country. Others favored the death penalty to insure permanent silence.

A final verdict was to be handed down at the meeting in Joseph Barbara's \$100,000 mansion atop a wooded hill outside Apalachin. But state troopers broke up the meeting before the gangland judges could decide the killers' fate.

Barbara, who once beat a murder rap, is listed in police files as an old-time "Black Hand" boss. Born in Sicily, he became a rising power in the

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Coppola

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fifty-five, was laid to rest in a Brooklyn cemetery without final absolution from the Roman Catholic Church and with none of the fanfare that the underworld customarily grants its overlords.

Just about the time the "lord high executioner" of Murder, Inc., was being lowered into the grave, Coppola was acquitted in Manhattan Arrest Court on a vagrancy charge, on which he had been held since Sunday in lieu of \$50,000.

Coppola, who answers to "Cappy" and is no kin to the notorious "Trigger" Mike Coppola, evidently made not attempt to raise that original bail because he felt he could beat that vagrancy charge.

Barber Shop Shut

Anastasia was cut down from the rear by two gunmen at 10:20 a. m. Friday while being trimmed in the Park Sheraton barber shop, the locks of which were changed yesterday by the hotel and kept closed to the public.

A spokesman for the hotel, at Seventh Ave. and 55th St., said the shop will remain shut "until the conclusion of the (murder) investigation by the Police Department and the hotel management." The owner of the shop, Arthur Grasso, who rented it from the hotel, said he would sue to reopen it.

Coppola has been described by police as "a liar and uncooperative." He has told them that he was diagonally across the street from the Park Sheraton, having coffee, when Anastasia was executed.

But detectives insist that the prisoner, describing himself as unmarried, was withholding vital information about the case. He was lodged last night in the New York County Jail, 434 W. 37th St. He was badly in need of a shave.

Face "Same Fate"

"From what I have learned from police officials," Mr. Herman, head of homicide, advised the court, "I am convinced that this witness himself is in immediate danger of meeting the same fate as the subject of this investigation."

As he was brought to Mr. Herman's office, after he had been acquitted on the vagrancy charge and immediately picked up again, reporters asked the pudgy, gray-haired Coppola:

"Have you anything to say?"

"No. Look what they're doing to me!"

"Do you have anything about it?"

"Absolutely not," he shouted back as he went through a revolving door.

More Time to Check

Police want more time to check out Coppola's story. He has been called Anastasia's bodyguard—which he vehemently denies—and he has told detectives that he had been scheduled to pick Anastasia up at the Park Sheraton at 11 a. m. Friday—forty minutes after his boss was slain.

Mr. Herman told the court that Coppola and Anastasia

had talked by telephone at 9 a. m. Friday. If the prosecutor knew what they talked about, he wasn't saying. Coppola complained that he had been questioned for more than four days.

Coppola has a home in Fairview, N. J., but he also maintained, for almost the last three months, a \$75-a-week room at the San Carlos Hotel, 150 E. 50th St. The management there said yesterday that he was paid up only until the end of this month—which is the day after tomorrow—and that he would not be invited to stay on, even assuming he wanted to and was out of jail.

"Lucky" Gambler

When asked by police where he got the money to pay \$75 a week hotel rental, Coppola said: "I play the horses and I gamble."

"You must be lucky," a detective said to him, to which he replied, "I do all right."

Asked if he ever did any work, Coppola said, "Yes, occasionally in a fish store in New Jersey—on Fridays and Thursdays."

Deputy Chief Inspector Edward W. Byrnes, in charge of West Side detectives, was asked how the investigation was going.

"I don't know of any motive yet," he said, "and without any motive you don't get a break. When you get a motive it narrows the field to the perpetrators. With an individual like him (Anastasia), you can think of a million and one motives, but I can't put my finger on any one of them."

Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said that Coppola had been closely associated with Anastasia and had been with him on a number of occasions when notorious underworld characters were present. The chief added that there was much that Coppola could tell about Anastasia's financial deals "and such" that would be of "considerable help." The chief was eager to get hold of

Anastasia's books and records—if any.

The chief also revealed that Anastasia did not use his usual barber last Friday, since the one he preferred came in during the afternoon and worked a different chair. Anastasia had last been in the barber shop two or three days before the shooting. Chief Leggett said, and at that time he coffee with "a business man."

Tests of the two revolvers used in the slaying—they were found near the scene of the crime—showed they were "sterile," Chief Leggett said. This meant that they could not be linked to any other crime. They definitely had not been used in the attempted assassination of mobster Frank Costello on May 2.

United States Attorney J. W. Williams confirmed yesterday

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/4/57

FROM: ^{DKB}
887 SAC, Los Angeles (62-3157)SUBJECT: ^①
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Re New York letter to Bureau, cc's for Los Angeles,
dated 11/19/57, entitled, "ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM
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Referenced New York letter sets out background on
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were previously set out for Los Angeles in certain New York
letters which requested Los Angeles to develop data regarding
[REDACTED] activities in Los Angeles. b7c

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It has not yet been possible to verify or refute
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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California

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CITY POLICE SEIZES 3 IN GANG MEETING

Brooklyn Men Are Released After Questioning on Anastasia Slaying

By EMANUEL PERLMUTTER

Three Brooklyn men who attended the underworld conclave last Thursday in Apalachin, N. Y., were taken into custody yesterday by the New York police. All of them were released late last night after almost eight hours of questioning.

Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm said earlier in the evening that they were being questioned about the murder of Albert Anastasia, New York racketeer. Anastasia was slain last month in a barber shop at the Park-Sheraton Hotel.

Mr. Arm explained that the three men had had contact with Anastasia.

Commissioner Arm said the men were apprehended as a result of "bits of information" gathered by Lieut. James Burke and Detective Thomas Fusco of Manhattan West Detective Headquarters. The two men had been sent to Apalachin after the state police had raided the underworld meeting.

It was learned last night at Police Headquarters that a round-up of other men who attended the Apalachin meeting was under way here. The upstate meeting is generally believed by law-enforcement officials to have taken place as a result of the Anastasia slaying.

The three picked up yesterday were Joseph Profaci, 60 years old, of 8863 Fifteenth Avenue; Natale Evola, 50, 972 Bay Ridge Parkway, and Paul C. Castellano, 45, of 1737 East Twenty-third Street, all of Brooklyn. They were taken to Brooklyn Police Headquarters.

Evola and Castellano were released at 10:30 P. M. Evola left through a side entrance. Castellano ran out the main entrance on Sixth Avenue near Bergen Street and hailed a taxi.

Deputy Inspector John H. Gryn, who has been supervising the investigation of the Anastasia slaying, went from Manhattan with several members of his squad to direct the questioning of the prisoners. Profaci is the owner of an

olive oil marketing company. Evola listed his occupation as the operator of a garment distributing business. Castellano runs a meat market.

On Wednesday, United States Attorney Paul W. Williams said that Profaci and Evola figured in an investigation that his office was conducting on racketeering in the New York garment and tracking industries.

The Senate Crime Investigating Committee headed by Senator Estes Kefauver had characterized Profaci in 1951 as a leading figure in the nation's crime syndicate.

The Brooklyn police said last night that they had been unsuccessful in rounding up for questioning five more men from Brooklyn who had attended the Apalachin meeting.

They said the five were Carlo Gambino, 55, of 2230 Ocean Parkway; John Bonventre, 54, of 115 Cleveland Street; Joseph Bonanno, 52, of 1726 De Kalb Avenue; Armand Rava, 46, of 1130 Ocean Parkway, and Carmine Lombardizzi, 44, of 114 Stratford Road.

When picked up by the state police, Gambino had given his occupation as a labor relations consultant. Bonventre as a salesman, Rava as a restaurant owner and Lombardizzi as an attorney in a trading corporation.

Bonanno said he was retired. In another development linked to the upstate meeting, Sgt. Edgar Creswell of the state police, who had supervised the raid, was questioned for three hours here yesterday by the joint legislative watchdog committee.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

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FROM : C. A. Evans

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Robert F. Kennedy, Chief Counsel of the captioned Committee, requested we furnish any available identification records on the individuals noted below who may be involved in testimony before the Committee during the current hearings. Identification records which may be identical with the individuals were furnished as follows:

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Copies of these identification records were furnished to Mr. Kennedy in accordance with his request. 62-103771-6

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~~ALBERT ANASTASIA~~ -

Albert Anastasia, also known as Umberto Anastasio (true name), R. Alberto Anastasio, Alfonso Joseph Anastasia, Albert Amastasio, Albert Barnesi, Albert Bargnesi, and Albert Barnese, was born September 26, 1902, in Tropea, Calabria, Italy. b7c

Albert and [REDACTED] worked as deck hands on tramp steamers. At different dates they jumped ship in the United States and merged into the gangs along the New York water front. Albert Anastasia entered the United States by this means on September 12, 1917. However, he was granted permanent residence in the United States on June 4, 1931, under the Registry Act of 1929.

In New York City in 1921 Albert Anastasia was convicted and sentenced to death for his participation in the murder of George Turello. After months in the death house, Anastasia won a retrial on a technical plea but before the retrial took place the three state witnesses against him were found slain. In April of 1922 the murder indictment against Anastasia was dismissed.

In 1923 Albert Anastasia was convicted in Brooklyn, New York, on a gun-carrying charge for which he served a two-year prison sentence.

In 1922, 1928, and 1932 Albert Anastasia was arrested in New York City in connection with three separate murders and was released on each occasion because of lack of evidence. In 1933 he stood trial in connection with the killing of a Brooklyn laundryman but the state's witnesses reportedly changed their stories and he was released again. Albert Anastasia was among the Brooklyn racketeers who had been connected in Brooklyn with Al Capone, notorious Chicago gangster.

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It was reported that during the 1930's Albert Anastasia rose to power on the Brooklyn water front. He became a pier superintendent and dominated six locals of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), the American Federation of Labor (AFL). In this period he became an admitted friend of Joe Adonis, Willie Moretti, Vito Genovese, and "Little Augie" Pisano, all of whom were notorious New York hoodlums.

It was reported that with Adonis and Abe Reles, Albert Anastasia formed Murder, Incorporated, the racket syndicate which operated on a national scale and allegedly was responsible for the murder of 63 men. In connection with the kidnaping of Isidor Juffe in 1932 it was reported that Juffe recognized Albert Anastasia as one of his assailants but that Anastasia for some unknown reason was never prosecuted for this crime.

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It was alleged that one Morris Diamond, a Teamsters Union official, was shot to death in New York, New York, on the morning of May 25, 1939, shortly after he had left his home for work and that Albert Anastasia planned the killing.

In 1939 Peter Panto, a longshoreman who organized a rank-and-file revolt to rid the ILA of racketeers, was strangled and his body was found buried in a lime pit. In April of 1940 Abe Reles, an admitted member of Murder, Incorporated, reportedly confessed to his syndicate activities and informed on Albert Anastasia, involving him in the murder of Panto and approximately thirty additional murders, including the slaying of union official Morris Diamond. Reles allegedly admitted that he carried out numerous murders under Albert Anastasia's orders. Reles' testimony reportedly sent eight men to the electric chair and some fifty others to prison.

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It was stated that Albert Anastasia was accused of the murder of Morris Diamond, but the charge against him was dismissed when racketeer Abe Reles met with a mysterious death. Reles, while under protective custody, guarded by six policemen, plunged to his death from a fifth floor hotel room in a Coney Island hotel in November of 1941.

It was reported that Albert Anastasia entered the United States Army in 1942 and trained Army longshoremen at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, for a period of two years, after which he was discharged as overage.

From October 1 through October 22, 1945, there occurred a longshoremen's strike on the water front of New York City. This strike was reportedly started by [redacted] Local 791, ILA, who attempted to take the ILA from the AFL and turn it over to the Congress of Industrial Organizations. b7c

[redacted] Albert Anastasia and other New York hoodlums, Harry, Anthony Strolia, [redacted]

[redacted] reportedly considered the possibility of murdering [redacted] but later decided to threaten [redacted] with expulsion from the union unless the men reported back to work.

It was reported in September of 1946 that Joe Adonis, Albert Anastasia, and others were involved in smuggling gold into the United States.

It was reported in 1949 that [redacted] was believed to have assisted in engineering the shooting of [redacted] notorious California hoodlum, at the request of one Alberto Anastasia. b7c

It was reported in March, 1951, that a national crime syndicate controlled rackets in all major cities and this syndicate held "kangaroo courts," which often sentenced members to death when they stepped out of line. Albert Anastasia was named as one of the leaders of this syndicate.

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It was reported in May, 1951, that Albert Anastasia was associated with Frank Costello, Joe Adonis, [REDACTED] and Vincent Mangano. These men allegedly controlled the water front of Brooklyn, New York. b7c

It was reported in 1951 that it was believed that Albert Anastasia was involved in the smuggling of heroin from Italy.

It was reported in 1951 that Albert Anastasia testified before the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce in the United States, during a hearing held in New York City.

In October, 1951, it was stated that the Frank Costello syndicate chose Albert Anastasia and William Moretti to act as emissaries for the purpose of paying off convicted bookmaker [REDACTED] to insure [REDACTED] silence in connection with the trial of eighteen New York policemen who were accused of being involved with [REDACTED] in bookmaking activities. Moretti allegedly handled the actual payment to [REDACTED] which was supposed to have been \$200,000, but, according to [REDACTED] was considerably less. b7c

As a result of the shortage, Moretti and Albert Anastasia were reportedly required to furnish an explanation to the syndicate. Albert Anastasia allegedly claimed he did not have any control over Moretti's actions inasmuch as he was not in on the actual payoff and although his story was reportedly not completely "bought," his life was spared. He was, however, said to have been banished from the syndicate. On October 4, 1951, William Moretti was reportedly shot down in a New Jersey restaurant, and it was rumored that Albert Anastasia was also marked for death. Moretti's death was attributed to his alleged double-cross in the [REDACTED] payoff. b7c

In 1952 it was alleged that Anthony Strollo and Albert Anastasia, notorious New York gangsters who controlled the New York - New Jersey water front, were responsible for the selection and election of [REDACTED] with Local 560, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT). It was stated that [REDACTED] with Local 560, b7c

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IBT, was a coveted post given to [REDACTED] for services rendered rather than for friendship alone, and that [REDACTED] would be under constant obligation to those who were responsible for his advancement. b7c

It was reported in March, 1953, that "Little Augie" Pisano and Albert Anastasia intended to take over the New York and Brooklyn water fronts and that if such an attempt was made it would cause a great deal of bloodshed as New York docks were controlled by [REDACTED]. It was stated that an agreement was reached whereby Anastasia and Pisano received control of the Brooklyn piers while [REDACTED] remained in New York. b7c

It was alleged that Joseph Parano was shot to death a number of years prior to 1954 by Albert Anastasia. At the time of the murder of Joseph Parano one of his sons was also slain.

It was reported in 1953 that Albert Anastasia was a partner of [REDACTED]. It was also reported that Anastasia was a contact of [REDACTED] well-known hoodlum. b7c

It was reported in September, 1953, that Albert Anastasia attended secret meetings at a hotel near Lake Tahoe, Nevada, which was also attended by leading criminal syndicate members and top union men of the country. b7c

It was reported in 1954 that [REDACTED] called a series of top hoodlum echelon meetings at the Rivera Hotel, in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. These meetings were reported to be in connection with labor and racket matters along the water fronts of the New York area. Albert Anastasia was alleged to have attended these meetings. b7c

In April of 1954 it was reported that Vincent Macri was slain and found in his own automobile trunk. Macri had been a bodyguard for Albert Anastasia and had been considered a potential witness against Anastasia in a then pending Federal income tax case. It was also stated that [REDACTED] a garment center figure, mysteriously disappeared on about the same date [REDACTED]. b7c

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It was stated that on or about March 17, 1954, Anthony Anastasia, Albert Anastasia, [redacted] and [redacted] held a meeting for the purpose of obtaining an entree for [redacted] into the jukebox industry. b7c

It was stated that at this meeting the Anastasia brothers were able to force [redacted] to take [redacted] into both the Automatic Coin Operators Association of Long Island and Local 1690 of the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL. [redacted] b7c

It was reported that in the Summer of 1954 a meeting was held by [redacted] and Albert Anastasia. This meeting was reportedly held in connection with the allegation that Italian gangsters had put a large amount of money into the garment industry as a cover for their illegal gains. [redacted] at that time was stated to be on a very high level in the crime syndicate and [redacted] the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. b7c

It was stated that in September of 1954 Albert Anastasia attended a three-day policy meeting which was also attended by Meyer Lansky, "Nig" Rosen, "Augie" Carfano, and hoodlums from Cleveland, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan. It was stated that gambling and racket splits were decided and a decision to purchase a race track located in Havana, Cuba, was made.

In October, 1954, Albert Anastasia was tried in Federal court in Florida on charges of evading income tax payments of over \$11,000 for the years 1947 and 1948. After five weeks of trial the jury failed to reach a verdict and a new trial was ordered.

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During Anastasia's income tax trial, the matter of his thirty-four-room, elaborate, steel-fence-enclosed home located in Fort Lee, New Jersey, which was in the name of Albert and Elsa Bargnesi was brought up. Anastasia reportedly admitted that Bargnesi was the maiden name of Anastasia's wife and that Albert and Elsa Bargnesi were in fact Albert and Elsa Anastasia. It was also reported that this home was valued at between \$75,000 and \$125,000 and was located in the vicinity of the home of gangster Joe Adonis.

It was stated that Albert Anastasia's 1948 income tax return contained only income which was listed as having been derived from Anastasia's share of profits of the Modern Dress Company, a Pennsylvania firm.

In December of 1954 it was stated that Albert Anastasia's main interest was in the water-front rackets in New Jersey and New York. During this period Anastasia was reported to be in daily contact with [REDACTED] a reputed New York gambler. b7c

In January, 1955, it was alleged that Albert Anastasia, as one of the racketeers in the garment industry, may have been involved in a fraud perpetrated against Sears Roebuck and Company. It was alleged that some of Sears Roebuck and Company representatives were in collusion with garment racketeers and fixed prices against Sears in such a manner that Sears was duped out of approximately \$500,000.

In February, 1955, it was alleged that Albert Anastasia had been contacted by the syndicate regarding reported attempts to expand his influence on the New York water front through his brother, Anthony Anastasia. Albert Anastasia was reportedly told to stay away from the water front as much as possible to keep things quiet there.

In May of 1955 it was rumored that Albert Anastasia was a financial backer for the M and R Transportation Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts, [REDACTED] and had been on a shaky financial footing. b7c

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As a result of adverse publicity caused by [REDACTED] and the murder of Macri, Albert Anastasia reportedly was able to shift the second trial on tax charges to Camden, New Jersey. In May of 1955 Anastasia entered a guilty plea to two counts of income tax evasion and in June of 1955 was sentenced to one year in prison. It was rumored that Anastasia had been instructed to plead guilty by other hoodlums who feared an investigation into the garment industry and more adverse publicity if Anastasia won an acquittal, inasmuch as Anastasia was suspected of having caused the murders of potential witnesses in the tax case. b7c

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In September of 1955 the United States Court of Appeals ruled that the Federal District Court had been in error when in 1954 it stripped Albert Anastasia of his citizenship. Later, the Supreme Court of the United States refused to review the Government's unsuccessful attempt to cancel the citizenship of Albert Anastasia.

In October 1955, it was stated that [REDACTED] of the International Longshoremen's Association, was Anastasia's "boy" and was "fronting" for Anastasia on the North and East River water front. It was stated [REDACTED] had been closely associated with Albert Anastasia for many years and was formerly [REDACTED] which had b7c

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been allegedly owned and operated by Albert Anastasia in New Jersey during World War II. It was alleged that this company had cheated the United States Government out of millions of dollars.

In January, 1956, there were rumors that in the garment area of New York associates of Anastasia's were attempting to force truck drivers operating in that area to pay fees to deliver goods. It was reported that when Albert Anastasia was released from prison he intended to extend his control of the garment area in New York.

On March 28, 1956, Albert Anastasia was stated to have been released from the Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Michigan, where he served his prison sentence.

It was reported in April, 1956, that Umberto or Albert Anastasia had been refused entry into Italy. No information was available as to any plan by Anastasia to travel to Italy.

In May of 1956 it was stated that the Nassau, New York, taxpayers had been forced to support a garbage collection racket bossed by the New York underworld. Named as principals in the racket were Vincent J. Squillante and [REDACTED], "frontmen" for Albert Anastasia. It was further stated that Vincent J. Squillante, the labor relations counselor for Greater New York Cartmen's Association, was the godson of Albert Anastasia.. b7c

In November of 1956 it was stated that Albert Anastasia's brother, Tony Anastasia, was slated to be killed shortly after the International Longshoremen's Association signed a new contract with the New York Shipping Association. At that time there was no information as to who the killers would be or when the killing would take place, but it was stated that permission had been granted to eliminate Anastasia by high figures in the New York underworld.

In January, 1957, it was believed that the criminal element in New York City did not want to associate with Albert Anastasia because they felt that they might receive some notoriety in the newspapers if they were seen in his company.

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It was reported in June, 1957, that a meeting of top hoodlums from the United States was held with "Lucky" Luciano and Joe Adonis in Italy in May, 1957; that this meeting had been for the purpose of deciding the fate of Frank Scalise, New York hoodlum, who was later murdered in the Bronx, New York, in June, 1957. It was further reported that Albert Anastasia, who controlled the construction industry and related unions in New York, was an associate of Frank Scalise and was the individual who wanted Scalise disposed of. It was further alleged that Scalise probably defied the Anastasia group or failed to contribute a proper share of his proceeds to them. b6

In September, 1956, it was reported that Albert Anastasia owned fifty per cent of the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, [REDACTED] and that Anastasia had had an interest in that firm since 1948.

In July, 1957, it was alleged, but not substantiated, that Albert Anastasia held an interest in the Nuremberg Dress Company, Nuremberg, Pennsylvania.

Albert Anastasia was shot to death on October 25, 1957, by masked gunmen who fired point-blank at him as he sat in a barber chair in the Hotel Park Sheraton at Seventh Avenue and 55th Street, New York City.

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The Mafia— Is It Real, or a Fairy Tale?

Existence of Gang Brought Up
Again by Apalachin 'Convention'

(Editors note—From recent violence in the underworld come rumblings of a resurgence of gangland crime. What part the Mafia plays—if any—in the national crime picture is the subject of much debate. Here are the latest revelations on the shadowy "Black Hand" and its connection with the American underworld.)

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Who rubbed out Al-
bert Anastasia? Who shot Frank Costello?

Is America on the brink of a gory crime war?
Who is No. 1 in the crime hierarchy? Who wants to be?
Is the Mafia ominously real? Or is it a storybook
land to catch the headlines?

These are problems occupying law enforcement
agencies while a disturbed public awaits the next move.

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New rackete grand juries are selected frequently.

Crime is a shadowy substance. It's much easier to suspect than to prove. Most authorities believe it operates at a national level. Some think there is an organized international group. They call it "the mob," "the syndicate," "The Mafia" or any of a half dozen names.

BOOFED AT MAFIA

As for the Mafia in international crime, many believe it is only a bogey man. They say the real leadership rests in the Unione Siciliano, a multinational confederation. Others insist the Mafia, the old Neapolitan Camorra and the Unione are interchangeable parts of the same organization, even the authorities disagree.

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Maria still wields tremendous power among Romans, many of whom still view Rome as a foreign government. It will see to it that a member's stolen money is returned, the lost gun is found, that his business is not molested. In short it looks after its own.

blackmail, murder, ransom and
terror

When Jack Braggs, described by Sen. Estes Kefauver as a notorious Los Angeles police character, testified before the Senate crime investigation committee in 1950-51, he said he never had heard of the Mafia, although he was born in Sicily.

Kefauver, however, refused to go along with those who sneer at the Mafia. He saw it in a ministerial light.

The seminar reached the conclusion that Mafia was "internationally real" — a shadowy international organization that links behind much of America's organized criminal activity. It has scarred the face of America with almost every conceivable type of criminal violence including murder, traffic in narcotics, smuggling, extortion, white slavery, kidnaping and highway robbery.

the alleged "black market" in arms handling in the West Indies. The report says the U.S. is "convinced" that the Mafia has been active in the United States since Italy's society specifically "desperately urgent" for the purpose of smuggling narcotics and other crimes.

The Narcotics Bureau in Washington, has similar views and it is thought the mar-

But the FBI doesn't seem
see eye to eye with the
otics Bureau on the Mafia
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FBI DISAGREES

Debatable though the Mafia seems to be, everybody has got theory about the Costello shooting, the Anastasia murder and the affair at Apalachicola.

Cosciallo, often described as the No. 1 man of the syndicate, has been in the cat for years in contempt and income tax evasion convictions in recent years after living a charged life for decades. Right now he is in trouble

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**Frank Costello
To Quit His Throne?**

with the income tax and immigration people. At 44, he generally is pictured in semi-retirement, about ready to hand over the reins to a new No. 1.

His scalp was creased with a .45-caliber slug on May 2, in an awkward attempt to kill him. In his pocket was found a slip of paper on which had been written figures corresponding exactly to the take of a Las Vegas gambling casino.

Was Costello shot because he was talking too much? Or was he in the way of a younger element, seeking to take charge?

NOT AT APALACHIN

At the recent Apalachin meeting Costello was among the missing. It has been suggested that he was snubbed. However, since he is under constant watch by the police his presence would have been a sure tipoff.

Police have no clue to the Costello shooting, although they did pick up a man for questioning. The attempt on Costello's life was amateurish compared with the professional killing of Anastasia in October.

The man who allegedly had a hand in 33 killings as the reputed "lord high executioner" of Murder, Inc., had no hint of his end. He walked into the barber shop of a New York hotel and calmly took a seat. Two masked men walked in, pumped 10 shots into him and fled.

Anastasia, 38, was said to be a member of the old guard which must go if a younger element takes over. He was reportedly a close associate of the Mafia and a powerful force in the mob who had been in the area since the 1920s.

Another recent talk with government agents and his recent appearance before the Senate Rackets Committee about his alleged influence in the garment and trucking industries. Somebody might have wanted to get him out of the way before he talked.

Stephen Kennedy, New York City police commissioner, recently said there was nobody more important than Anastasia in Mafia.

THEORIES ON APALACHIN

The "why" of the Apalachin convention is even more debatable.

Some of the theories advanced say it occurred:

1. To set up Anastasia's empire.
2. To stamp out a revolt of the youthful element.
3. To consider the effects of the Senate investigations.
4. To elect a new No. 1 of the Mafia.
5. To handle blabbermouths who were talking too much.
6. To execute — in spirit away — Anastasia's killers.

The men who were grabbed for questioning by Sgt. Edgar Crosswell of the New York State Police claimed they were visiting a sick friend — Joseph Barbara, a beer and soft drink distributor of Kinnick, N. Y. Barbara's book and papers have been seized by the State Liquor Authority.

As one New York police official said, "you can be sure the characters at Apalachin weren't meeting to start a new Red Cross chapter."

Police called Vito Genovese of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., the "big catch." However none was held because Sgt. Crosswell admitted, "we had nothing on them."

Genovese, once called "king

of the Mafia," was said to be a close associate of the old guard which must go if a younger element takes over. He was reportedly a close associate of the Mafia and a powerful force in the mob who had been in the area since the 1920s.

Genovese, Protect, Control and the others do wind up in Italy, they will have plenty of company.

Lucky Luciano, convicted of compulsory prostitution in 1936 and paroled by Dewey 10 years later to be deported, lives in a luxurious apartment overlooking Naples bay.

Although some claim Luciano still directs the European end of the syndicate's narcotics branch, he never has been charged formally with any crime since his return to Italy.

Luciano, now 60 and gray haired, has been watched constantly and picked up periodically for questioning about drug smuggling, cigarette smuggling and currency smuggling.

OWNS MEDICAL SUPPLY

At various times, Luciano has operated a haberdashery and an electrical store. He still runs a medical supply shop in Naples.



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SUMMARY REPORT

Top hoodlums in the Philadelphia Division engaged in various types of criminal activities, with largest number in some form of gambling. Numerous types of legitimate activities reported, with largest number in dress industry and miscellaneous manufacturing. No indication of organization of criminal activities except loosely knit groups in Philadelphia known as Dresser Gang and Jewish Mob. Dress industry in Pittston area has ties with New York racketeers.

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[REDACTED] The lease for the building occupied
by the Madison Dress Company in Hazleton, Pa., was signed by [REDACTED]
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Gamblers Find Cuban Paradise

By Edwin A. Lahey

Chicago Daily News Service

HAVANA, Jan. 8.—President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba and the leaders of the gambling underworld in New York, Chicago and Las Vegas have merged their souls in the most fantastic "marriage of convenience" in modern times.

Out of this alliance a new Las Vegas is rising on the Havana skyline. It is a glittering and glamorous project.

One can barely detect the dark visages of gang lords and crooked politicians who make a caper like this workable.

But already one first-rate gangland assassination (that of Al Anastasia of New York, who went to his maker directly from a barber's chair) has been attributed to the underworld hunger for these new gambling harvests in Cuba.

The gambling was legalized by a decree of the Batista Cabinet. But a grifter loaded

to the eyeballs with marijuana fumes could hardly dream up a deal as juicy as the one Batista has set up for the gambling underworld of the United States.

The gamblers here enjoy a tax-free paradise, and are literally treated as privileged lords. The leased casinos in which they operate are in some instances built with the aid of the retirement trust funds of the Cuban Trade Union, which Batista controls.

The only "legal" fees imposed upon the gamblers is an initial payment of \$25,000 for a permit, and subsequent payments of \$2000 a month.

These contributions go to two favorite charities of Marta Batista, the wife of the Cuban President.

The Cuban gambling is ostensibly honest. But in the past the U. S. State Department has protested secretly to the Batista Government that American suckers were being clipped in Havana, in violation of the good-neighbor policy.

Labeled Technicians

Upon entering the gambling arena, the entrepreneurs apparently have up to the fact that a friendly working relationship with Cuban politicians was brought after assiduously.

As a result of this softened policy, a Cuban Senator named Eduardo Suarez Rivas, member of a "housebroken" opposition party in the Batista setup, became Secretary of the corporation that operates the new and sumptuous Alcazara Hotel and Casino.

Rivas is the brother of Juan Suarez Rivas, Minister of Labor in the Batista Cabinet.

The Minister of Labor issues "technician" certificates to Americans who wish to remain in Cuba as employees or officials of the new gambling palaces.

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Even George Raft, the famous movie star, who is floor manager and part owner of the casino in the Capel Hotel, explains with a chuckle that he has been certified by the Ministry of Labor as a "technician."

The invasion of Cuba by the United States underworld is dominated now by the "high class" gamblers, such as Wilbur Clark, who leases the Casino at the Hotel Nacional, and Eddie Levinson, the Casino operator at the new Hotel Riviera. Both are prominent in the Las Vegas gaming industry.

Others here include the notorious Lansky brothers, who in the past have been the front men for the gangsters in control of gambling in New Jersey and South Florida.

Seepage of Dregs

Jake Lansky is one of the "pit bosses" in Wilbur Clark's operation at the Nacional. Meyer Lansky has an unspecified interest in the Riviera Casino.

Other Americans include Thomas Jefferson McGinty, Sam Tucker and Joe Bischoff, alias Lefty Clark.

They helped make gambling history as the old "Ohio mob," which was broken up by former Gov. Frank Lausche and dispersed to other gambling centers like Covington, Ky., and Las Vegas.

There is already a seepage into Havana of some of the more unsavory characters from the United States underworld.

A preliminary count reveals the presence of Santos Trafficante Jr., a hereditary member of the Tampa underworld, and of "Charley the Blade" Tourine, a member of the New Jersey mob.

Trafficante was arrested as "Louis Santos" at the "crime convention" in Apalachin, N.Y., last November.

Trafficante, or Santos, is the principal partner in the oper-



SANTOS TRAFFICANTE
... in gambling setup

ation of the Sans Souci, one of Havana's old established nightclubs and gambling joints.

Tourine has a long criminal record, and registered as a felon in Miami Beach in 1937.

[Trafficante, one of two gamblers whom New York District Attorney Frank S. Hogan wants to question in the slaying of Albert Anastasia, said tonight he would voluntarily testify in any investigation, United Press reported.]

"I don't know what this is all about," he said. "I am not hiding from anyone."

[Hogan had ordered a Nation-wide search for Trafficante and Joseph (Joe Rivers) Silesi, who also is a resident of Havana.]

The American hotel operators who are making big investments here, with the inducement of "matching funds" from the Batista government, have shown great care in picking the men to whom they lease their casinos.

Informed sources believed that the Hilton executives wanted to make doubly sure that no dubious characters would be connected with the gaming enterprise that will bear the Hilton name.

Yen for Cuba Cash Doomed Anastasia

Warning
By Lansky
Ignored

By PAUL MESKIL,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Albert Anastasia was executed because he was trying to take over the Cuban gambling empire ruled by his old boss, crime czar Meyer Lansky, investigators reported today.

A few days before gang bullets riddled Anastasia in a barber chair at the Park-Sheraton Hotel Oct. 25, he was warned to stay out of Cuba, where Lansky heads a multi-million-dollar gambling combine. But Big Albert ignored the warning, and was promptly slain.

Gamblers Santo Trafficante and Joseph (Joe Rivers) Silvestri, sought by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan for questioning about the Anastasia rubout, both are members of the Lansky organization. Investigators believe one or both of these gamblers attended the meeting at which Anastasia's death warning was delivered, less than a week before the killing.

Conspicuous Absence.

The meeting, attended by a half-dozen American and Cuban hoods, was held in a W. 49th St. hotel, in a suite rented by Anastasia's bodyguard-chauffeur, Tony Coppola, who was conspicuously absent when his boss was shot out of the barber chair.

Lansky was in town at the time, but it is not known if he actually attended the conference. He took a plane back to Havana two days before the murder.

Investigators recalled another gangland murder that followed a mob meeting called by Lansky.

John (Cockeye) Dunn, a waterfront thug, and other New York goons conferred with Lansky in Florida early in 1947. A few days after the meeting, Dunn and two other



United Press Photo.

MEYER LANSKY.

gunmen killed Anthony Hintz, hiring stevedore who dared oppose mob rule of the docks. When Dunn went to the electric chair in 1949, Lansky was attending still another gang pow-wow in sunny Italy.

Police learned that Anastasia was hungry for some of the fast money flowing across Cuba's many gambling tables. He reportedly was trying to muscle in on some of the new hotel casinos there. But, he should have known better, than to cross his old crime tutor—for small, silent, able-

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Young Meyer Lansky is still the brightest boy in the syndicate, as the late Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine described him years ago.

Lansky Rates High.

Mr. Valentine also listed Lansky among the nation's 10 top public enemies and Sen. Estes Kefauver's crime investigation committee later identified him as a director of Murder Inc., the killer gang headed by Anastasia as chief executioner.

Now 55, Lansky came to New York from Russia in 1911 and joined the Owney Madden bootleg gang about 15 years later. Then he and Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel formed the "Bug and Meyer mob," which expanded rapidly from New York to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

While Anastasia was still a smalltime punk and strong-

arm soon, Lansky already was known to police as one of the "Big Six" of Eastern mobdom. The others were Siegel, Jacob (Currah) Shapiro, Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Charles (Lucky) Luciano and Joe Adonis. After the murder of Arthur (Dutch) Schultz, Fleishenger, they were bosses of all big rackets from New York to Chicago.

Only One Remains.

Lansky is the only one still around. Siegel was gunned to death in California. Buchalter died in the electric chair. Luciano and Adonis are back in their native Italy, where Lansky visited Lucky in 1949. Shapiro died in Sing Sing of a coronary thrombosis.

Crime files reveal Lansky as one of the biggest mobsters ever to operate in the United States. With Siegel, he bossed West Coast gambling for many years. With Frank Costello and Frank Erickson, he ran gambling houses in upstate New York, New Jersey, Florida, New Orleans and Las Vegas. With Buchalter, he directed operations of Murder Inc.

He even worked with the murderous Fishchetti brothers in Chicago rackets. Senate investigators concluded that Lansky, in conjunction with Costello and Adonis, formed the nationwide crime syndicate and controlled all its East Coast activities.

Three-Month Stretch.

But despite more than 30 years as a racketeer, Lansky served only one small jail term—a three-month stretch in Saratoga County Jail in 1953 for gambling operations at Saratoga Springs. He spent much of his cell time reading the Bible and a dictionary.

As soon as he got out, he started looking for new fields to conquer and picked Havana as the greenest pasture of all—the lush shade of green peculiar to tourist dollars.

No American gambler, gangster or racketeer now can work in Havana without Lansky's OK. The master mobster is on the casino payroll of the new 14-million Hotel Riviera and his brother Jack is a casino boss at Havana's oldest and

most famous playhouse in the island.

Underlings Get Around.

Since the Anastasia murder, Lansky seldom has been seen in public. His friends, however, are to be seen every night at the Sans Souci, which Trafficante operates, and other busy casinos despite a 48-state alarm issued by DA Hogan for their arrest.

"They know we want them as witnesses," Mr. Hogan said yesterday. "If they are in Cuba, they are outside our jurisdiction."

Trafficante, 42, originally from Tampa, told reporters last night, "I'll be glad to talk to Mr. Hogan the next time I'm in New York."

Pained, Not Angered.

He said he was "more pained than angered" by Mr. Hogan's nationwide alarm, sent out by the New York Police Department.

"I'm not hiding from anyone," he said. "This is bad publicity for my business, which is gambling. Gambling is legal here."

Trafficante said he does not remember specifically if he was in New York the day Anastasia was shot. "I could have been there then," he said, "or just before or just after the killing. I travel back and forth all the time."

No Name Switch.

Mr. Hogan said Trafficante uses the alias of Louis Santos and was picked up under that name at the convention of 60 Mafia mobsters at Apalachin, N. Y., in November. Trafficante denied using that alias or attending the mob meeting. "My name is Santo. Trafficante and it's never been anything else," he said.

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The November 15, 1957, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper, reported that "Gabriel (Kelly) Mannarino, 50, brother of Sam Mannarino, long time New Kensington, Pa., racket boss" was in attendance at the November 14, 1957, meeting at Apalachin, N.Y.

VICTOR RIESEL

'Executions' Also An Inflation Victim

For a year, the Federal pen at Milan, Mich., had the services of the wealthiest pants presser in the business. He was better known, though, for putting creases in skulls than in trousers. His name was Albert Anastasia.

Some years later, Albert, the Executioner, was introduced to a highly reputable lady in the bar of a fashionable Park Ave. hotel. She gasped: "But you're the president of Murder, Inc!" He protested that he was just a businessman—and he had the businessman's usual complaint about inflation. The lady said, "You're more about rising prices!"

"OF COURSE," he retorted. "Look, lady, when I was a kid of 18 or 19 I was in the deat(h) house. I wanna get out. A relative got five hundred bucks. He finds me a lawyer. I get out and the mouthpiece, he gets me off with a nolly prose, whatever dat is. A couple years ago, I get into tax trouble. I try to find a lawyer. I ask all the blue bloods. All of 'em say no."

"One lawyer, he asks me if I got a record. I leave. Finally I get one. He costs me \$40,000. So to get out of the deat(h) house a long time ago, it costs me five U notes. Now it costs me 50 Gs to do a year in a nice prison like Milan. THAT'S INFLATION, lady!"

This won't help solve the mystery of the barbershop quart. It's just a cultural note now that Anastasia's name is back in the papers.

IF YOU LISTEN to the labor men who double as political powers, you'll hear that few of the main players in the working campaign drama are center stage

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now. They're all in the wings—and one of them, according to the sources, is U. S. Sen. Jack Javits.

He may suddenly take the Republican nomination for Governor against Averill Harriman. Sen. Javits has nothing to lose. He doesn't have to resign his Senate seat to run. If he loses, he goes right on in Washington. If he wins, he names his own successor to the U. S. Senate. The Governor has that power. And he would pack in strength for the GOP Senatorial candidate—probably Sen. Ives—for re-election.

RECENTLY, Dave Sullivan's Building Service Employees Union, Local 32B, signed a contract with the owners of commercial buildings which gives an elevator operator his birthday as a paid holiday. This makes it 10 paid holidays and everybody cheered but a handful of men. Their birthdays come but once every four years—on Feb. 29. The legal Solomons got together and solved that one fast. For the record, they ruled that every elevator operator born on Leap Year was really born on Mar. 1—along everybody's happy.

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Order to Deport Parisi Is Upheld

Associated Press
Jack Parisi, described by the Justice Department as a racketeer, lost a legal round yesterday in his fight against being deported to his native Italy.

District Court Judge Joseph R. Jackson dismissed the complaint that Parisi did not receive a fair hearing before an Immigration Service officer and that confidential information was used against him. Parisi's attorney, Jack Wasserman, said he will appeal.

Former Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. called Parisi a racketeer and a close associate of Albert Anastasia, shot to death in New York's barber shop several months ago and Joe Bonanno who fled to Italy to avoid a prison term for perjury. The Parisi's deportation order was based on a 1920 narcotics conviction.

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Justice Dept. and T-Men To Dig Deep in Underworld

By EDWIN A. LAHEY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (CDN) — The Federal Government will launch a new and intensive drive against organized criminals in the near future.



Atty. Gen. Rogers says an official announcement about this should be made "in the next two weeks."

The Department of Justice and the Treasury Department have been discussing the campaign as a joint venture.

The powers of the Treasury Department to examine tax returns will be linked with the

prosecuting powers of the Justice Department in the project.

Events in two different areas have suggested that the underworld is overdue for a thoroughgoing investigation of the kind for which only Federal agencies are equipped.

The revelations of the McClellan Committee of the Senate have offered a fruitful field for investigators in labor and business racketeering.

"We want to get a long range view of this problem," says Atty. Gen. Rogers. "It is apparent that organized criminals have used ostensibly legitimate business as a front for their activities, and in some areas have

won control of certain labor unions."

The now famous "criminal convention" which was raided by state police at Apalachin, N.Y., last October, also helped spur the forthcoming Federal investigation.

The news of the Apalachin gathering of underworld characters was followed by revelations that U.S. gambling racketeers had moved in force into Havana, to turn that Cuban capital into another Las Vegas.

Albert Anastasia, the New York gangster, was killed in November, ostensibly because of his own plans to move in on the Havana gambling picture.

Plans for the actual operation of the Federal investigation of crime syndicates are still nebulous. It has been suggested, however, that a central unit of the project would be set up in Chicago.

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By Victor Riesel

For most of the past fortnight, Senate crime buster Bob Kennedy has been flying in and out of Chicago and western New York cities where he's operated with the skillful secrecy of an OSS agent behind enemy lines. For Bob Kennedy these swift hedge-hops were trips behind the lines of an enemy he and Sen. John McClellan first tackled -- the Mafia network which was corrupting one government agency when the Senate counter-assault was first launched late in 1955.

Typical of Kennedy's operation these past weeks was his visit to the Buffalo-Niagara area, in which there is a powerful Mafia outpost. He arrived with a colleague Thursday night. He sped to the Hotel Statler. No one knew whom he saw or talked to or what records he examined. Friday night, out he flew, saying only that he had some files.

All through the weekend, Buffalo labor leaders telephoned each other trying to track Kennedy's activities. They figured he had looked into at least one local of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union. But they had no evidence of anything.

Kennedy is working this probe quietly and personally because this is the most powerful combine he has yet hit -- and is the final exposure before he takes a leave of absence from the Senate Select Committee to help direct his brother John's re-election campaign in Massachusetts.

There's a Quixotic twist to this showdown. In a sense Kennedy is back to what first surprised him and Sen. McClellan when they turned to their new probe almost three years ago.

At that time they had heard of big time bribery in the military procurement agencies. Wherever they turned, they ran into the Mafia. They found that millions of dollars had passed hands so racket manufacturers and truckers could get government contracts for uniforms.

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One of the names was the late Marco ~~Reginelli~~, one of the top Philadelphia-New Jersey hoods. From him and others the trail always led to Albert ~~Anastasia~~, ~~Johnny~~ ~~Dio~~ and a string of others in the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania mob with direct ties to the men who were to become delegates to the Mafia crime convention on Nov. 14, 1957.

Though that McClellan-Kennedy probe, then operating under the aegis of the Government Operations Committee, never did get the dramatic coverage of the Select Committee, it got results.

The Pentagon shook up its Quartermasters Division. Two Generals were moved in to do that job. Secretary of Labor James ~~Mitchell~~ talked to the military and they set up a "Citizens Advisory Committee" for the Generals to consult on just who would be permitted to bid on hundreds of millions of dollars in future contracts.

This committee has been functioning for some six or eight months. On it are the ~~International Ladies Garment Workers Union~~ leader, David ~~Dubinsky~~, the ~~Analgamated~~ ~~Clothing Workers Union~~ chief, Jack ~~Potofsky~~, and officials of the legitimate garment manufacturers' associations.

It was from the original handful of men in the Anastasia group that Kennedy found lines leading out into the Teamsters and then into some other unions he has exposed.

These leads ran through trade associations which used mobsters to terrorize unions and vice versa. In some instances both the union and the so-called business group were controlled by the same mobs. There can be no estimate on the business they control because it could run up towards the billion dollar figure and who would believe it if you told them.

Just so you have some measure, there is the report that only part of the military uniform contracts in the early 1950's ran up to \$180,000,000 -- and only five percent went to legitimate garment manufacturers.

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Anastasia Killing Tagged to Mafia

By Frank Heleman and Paul Healy

Washington, June 30 (News Bureau).—A Federal narcotics agent today testified before Senate rackets probes that the Narcotics Bureau believes Albert Anastasia was murdered by the Mafia, the super secret Italian underworld society.

Agent Martin Pera disclosed the Mafia's tribal discipline and customs, as learned by undercover agents of the Narcotics Bureau, after the committee ordered TV, movie and still cameras not to photograph him.

At the probes opened their long-awaited hearings on Mafia and gangster infiltration of labor unions and industry, they also heard Sgt. Edgar Crosswell of the New York state police tell how he raided the national congress of top hoodlums near Apalachin, N.Y., last Nov. 14.

Pera said some of the delegates

at Apalachin were members of the Mafia, which he said is ruled by a flexible "grand council" of 10 or 12 men.

Pera also made these points: 1. Anastasia had a prominent position in that organization (the Mafia) and the manner in which he died—and indications he had slipped before that time—would lead us to believe it was a Mafia operation.

(The former executioner Murder, Inc., was slain last Oct. 25 in a barber's chair in

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Manhattan before the Apalachin meeting).

2. Members of the Mafia have made a concentrated move in the direction of labor-management relations in the U. S.

Step Into Labor Picture

3. Persons engaged in running dope into the U. S. from the Middle East and other places also are prominent in labor-management relations.

Pera, in answer to questions, said "unquestionably there must have been some discussion" of the divvying up of Anastasia's underworld empire at Apalachin.

He laid great stress on a smaller and more exclusive meeting of bigtime hoodlums at the Arlington Hotel, Rinehamton, N. Y., in 1956—Which Sgt. Croswell said set the stage for the Apalachin congress.

Barbara Attended

This huddle was attended by Joseph Barbara Sr., who played host to the larger congress at his Apalachin estate; Joseph Bonanno (Joe Bonanas), of New York City, once arrested for transporting guns to Al Capone; Anthony F. (Gov.) Guarneri, of Johnson City, N. Y., and several others.

Pera said the 1956 parley was "significant" because some delegates were "powerful members" of the organization. He could not say definitely that any of them were members of the Mafia grand council.

Pera said that on the basis of what he has learned from narcotics agents infiltrating the Mafia, he believes there is no single Mafia leader in the U. S. Each leader is autonomous to the degree that he is responsible for his territory, he explained. Below the leaders' grand council are "group chiefs," in charge of

smaller localities. Pera continued, and under them are the "button men."

Honored Members

"Button men" he described as those who appeal to the leaders because they have carried out some difficult task, such as murder, and thereby rank above ordinary members.

Pera emphasized that the Mafia has continued to rely on interlocking family relationships through blood and marriage, just as it did when it was organized in Sicily.

Pera suggested that the Mafia inbreeding leads to forced marriages. "You often wonder if they want to get married," he said.

He pointed out that "a man who is a Mafia leader doesn't want his daughter to marry a nobody."

Retells Apalachin Story

Sgt. Croswell, a member of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation, retold the story of how the delegates to the hoodlum congress tried to slip into Barbara's estate unnoticed and how he and his colleagues surprised them and nabbed 62 in all.

Croswell described them as "a real bunch of unsavory characters dressed in typical George Raft style, with silk suits, highly polished pointed-toe shoes, white-on-white shirts and large hats."

Uncovering of Mafia Aim of Senate Probers

By FRED W. PERKINS
Scripps Howard Staff Writer

How organized crime has
sneaked into organized
labor, and business too, is
the picture the Senate Rack-
ets Investigating Committee
is starting to complete.

The committee heretofore
has produced evidence of
scattered instances of thugs
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the labor-management field.
Now it is ready to show that
the few cases were merely
symptoms of widespread and
systematic operations.

The Mafia — sometimes
known as the "black hand"
and also the Unione Siciliana
— will figure importantly in
these disclosures. It will be
charged that immigrants
from Sicily adapted to this
country the mysterious and
violent methods of their an-
cient secret society. Some of
the leaders are known to have
made millions in bootlegging
during the prohibition era,
and since in the narcotic
trade.

The murder in a New York

barbershop last fall of Albert
Anastasia — known as the
"Lord High Executioner of
Murder, Inc." — will figure
in the public hearings that
started yesterday.

So will the shooting of
Frank Costello, and so will
the "gangsters' convention"
last fall on the estate near
Apalachin, N. Y. of Joseph
Barbara, long reputed to be
a big shot in the Mafia. Even
Al Capone will be mentioned.

Chairman John L. McClel-
lan (D., Ark.), said today he
believes that if any further
evidence is needed to justify
new labor legislation imme-
diately to "drive out the
crooks" it will be supplied by
the current hearings.

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Lucchese Talks At Mafia Probe

By Arnold Rosenberg
The Senate Labor Management Relations Committee today heard testimony from Thomas "Three-Finger Brown" Lucchese, a reputed Mafia boss, in a hearing on the Mafia probe. Lucchese, identified as a New York underworld figure, also invoked the protection of the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination when asked about certain friends reported to be members of the dread Mafia blackhand. He didn't mind telling the committee, however, that he didn't like the nickname "Three-Finger Brown" a detective stuck on him the first time he was arrested in 1928. He said he lost his right index finger in an ammunition plant in 1917.

The Italian-born witness politely thanked Kennedy for calling his testimony "a lot more information than we've gotten from many witnesses with similar underworld reputations."

First Witness to Talk
He was the first witness to tell anything at all about himself in the committee's investigation of gangster domination of the labor-management field.

Other Developments
U. S. Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger said in a statement that the Mafia was combining narcotics pushing with labor racketeering to make a fortune. "I don't know how many years ago," he said, "I saw a picture of 500 Mafia members in New Orleans."

Committee Chairman John F. Kennedy said Lucchese was the first of a parade of accused mobsters and hoodlums testifying in advance of Lucchese's invocation of the Fifth Amendment and refused to tell much more than that. They included Russell Bufalino, of Kingston, Pa.; James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, of New York; Frank (Butch) Womack, and Salvatore of St. Louis, and Abraham (Shay) of New York.

James J. Sullivan, head of the Miami Crime Commission, told of the wintertime migration of big shot criminals from Cleveland, Detroit and other northern cities to the Florida gold coast. He said the Carib Hotel is their "major headquarters" with its barber shop as their communications post.

Long-Distance Operation
Sullivan said one Miami Beach habitue, Jack Massey, runs himself outside the Carib Hotel barber shop while using the telephone there to run a big lottery racket in Detroit. He further testified that Santapane, No. 1 racketeer in Tampa, Fla., stayed in a hotel room reserved by Albert Anastasia on the day that mobster was shot to death in a New York barber shop last October.

Traficante showed up at the "underworld convention" in Apalachin, N. Y., the following month, Sullivan said.

Bufalino, described by Kennedy as the arrangements chairman for that meeting, hung up nearly 400 Fifth Amendment pleas. Included was Kennedy's question, "How can the record at Wilkes-Barre show you were born in this country when you were in fact born in Sicily?"

Bufalino is now facing deportation proceedings.

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